



**Capital Improvement Program  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
Commerce City Recreation Center  
6060 E. Parkway Dr., Multi-Purpose Rooms A & B  
Sept. 23, 2015 – 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



In recognition of the role Commerce City citizens played in the passage of Issue 2K in November 2013 and the desire of Commerce City leadership to provide a framework for engaging the community in meaningful ways throughout the implementation of the voter-approved projects, the City Council of Commerce City established the Commerce City CIP Citizen Advisory Committee.

The mission of the committee shall be:

- To receive staff reports on the progress of each approved CIP project in relationship to established schedules, budget allocations, project goals, and quality management guidelines.
- To provide advice to the City Council on opportunities and issues related to the implementation of the five approved CIP projects, specifically relating to the three key program elements of:
  - Accountability – Demonstrating effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars
  - Engagement – Provide tangible opportunities for community members to engage
  - Potential – Leverage civic support and progress beyond the initial five projects
- To review and provide comment on public engagement and public information plans.
- To promote public awareness and understanding of the voter-approved CIP projects and the implementation of each.

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### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions (6 p.m.)
2. Joint CIP CAC/PRG Session
  - a. Recreation Center Programming (6-7 p.m.)
    - i. Introductions
    - ii. Purpose and Brief Background
    - iii. Programming Public Outreach Overview
      1. Key Public Input Themes
    - iv. Recommendations based on critical success factors, market analysis and public input
      1. Existing Recreation Center
      2. New Recreation Center

v. Recommendations Impact on Budget

1. Existing Recreation Center Cost Review

2. New Recreation Center Cost Review

a. Recommended Scope

b. Reduced Scope Options

3. CIP CAC/PRG Input

a. *Can we meet the critical success factors within budget?*

i. Not a yes/no question. This is what we voted for and should hold ourselves accountable to YES.

ii. We went through a thoughtful process and should meet the factors within budget.

iii. We went through the same process with the outdoor leisure pool and were greatly successful.

iv. We're not that far off from the budget in the scheme of things. A lot can happen through design to minimize the costs and accommodate the budget.

b. *Would you focus or phase to meet the budget?*

i. Developing equity for the community, transportation and child-care options can be reviewed. Shuttles, buses, one price for child-care (no limit on kids per family).

ii. We promised voters five projects in five years. We need to build adequate facilities with the only phased items being non-immediate wants.

iii. We need to focus on needs and identify immediate versus future needs now.

c. *What elements could be removed or phased?*

i. Great starting point to move forward and challenge the design team to make it happen.



- ii. There's a lot of opportunity to make sure we deliver by balancing between new and existing centers.
- iii. I hope staff is thinking about the balance between having things built right now versus building budget-friendly things that cost more to repair/enhance.
- iv. We want it all. Let's not take anything out or phase yet. Let's wait for design proposals and then give our input.
- v. Our numbers will go up as we pull current Brighton, Thornton and Reunion users. Let's build right to accommodate.
- vi. Future 2K funding may be able to help with the phased options, along with grants.

d. *Additional Comments*

- i. Gymnastics up north and not here is a disadvantage and wrong. Don't take away from here to add up there.
- ii. You better do a real education for community so they understand that gymnastics will be limited down south, many who can't afford to drive 11 miles north. Don't want ethnic bias either. Understand limitations but we need to do a really good job educating.
- iii. One thing we can evaluate is how many participants are turned away due to classes being filled. Still looking at north-south issue. The new center is an extension of the existing rec center. It's an addition for all.



- iv. Not about north and south. We have to be equal for whole community. We need to think about transportation. Be accessible. Don't take away from south to give to north.
- v. We use north and south as terms, but with 2K all we get for the existing rec center is a band-aid and maybe a therapy pool. We want premier at north for community, but let's not dis-invest for the south. We need more activity space, walking track, weights, parking improvements, etc. Some of this will have to come from somewhere else.
- vi. We're not saying to take away from current rec center, but to add to our amenities by building a northern rec center that can accommodate the growing community needs.
- vii. Be sure to educate the community and be clear on the terminology and labels (difference between fitness center, gymnasium, gymnastics area, etc.).
- viii. Your budget-friendly proposed 71,400 sq ft new rec center is not nearly large enough since the current rec center is 60-something sq ft and is way too small.
- ix. Want to be able to expand over time, so let's be sure to phase items that have the ability to add on at later dates in a logistical way.
- x. Why are we jumping the gun by looking at budget possibilities? Don't cut out items just yet. Let the contractors come and see what they can offer.
- xi. We do have a budget and can't go over it. The current rec center is over 30 years old and doesn't meet needs. Let's build the new one to meet

current and future needs to we don't have the same situation.

- xii. Let's build our want list, give to design folks and bounce it off our budget. We may be a bit ahead of ourselves with this process, but we need to start with the Cadillac and pair down if needed later. Let's not limit ourselves now.

4. Closing Questions & Comments

5. Adjourn PRG

3. CIP CAC Session

- a. Co-Chairs Report (7-7:05 p.m.)
- b. Informational: Program and Project Updates (7:05-7:20 p.m.)
- c. Public Comments and Questions (7:20-7:25 p.m.)
- d. Next Steps and Calendar (7:25-7:30 p.m.)
- e. Adjourn

